

# ELKS CAPTURE KANSAS CITY

## Dr. R. R. Moton Reelected President National Business League Elks' Parade Tuesday Was Largest and Most Beautiful Ever Seen Here

### ELKS IN RIOT OF GLORY

KANSAS CITY THE BIG ENTERTAINER THIS WEEK

Parades, Carnivals, Balls, Social Affairs Mark the Five Days of "Hello Bill"

BOSTON THE NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

By Charles A. Starks.

Hello Bill! Hello Bill! was the real spirit that characterized the convention week of the Elks. From henceforth now and forever Kansas City must go down, at least in the minds of the visitors, as one of the greatest host towns on the map. Every one seemed to be in a mood of gaiety of the occasion. The days were bright, the nights were big, dull moments were conspicuous by their absence, the whole week passed in a train of glorious fun and a veritable riot of music.

As early as Friday there was a noticeable influx of visitors. The local actions of Elksdom were highly primed for the occasion, the boys looked good, acted better, they were apparently all that could be required of progressive hosts to their brothers and the public. As to the delegations arrived each were received with due cordiality. Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, Detroit, Birmingham and others from Minnesota and elsewhere sent their Elks here for the grand celebration. Great interest was shown in most of these particularly for the



RALPH C. CHILTON

who was assistant marshal of the Elks' parade last Tuesday, to whom much credit is due for the splendid manner in which the parade was formed and the manner of keeping each car in motion. Ralph is one of the real hustlers and we are proud of him.

accompanying bands they brought. This was signally true of the Omaha delegation, who came up last but not least. Any time a band introduces itself to us by playing some new fangled blues in a nifty style they have forever won our admiration. Now listen here, we don't think much of any Negro band that can't play a good steady of mingled blue notes, the sweet, tuneful expression of a harmony that we all can feel and delight in. Away with those minions who are ashamed of what is so natural and beautiful within us. And let us also learn here that "Blues" are not the synonym for melancholy, as is often imagined, but rather means joy to the Negro temperament.

The Sessions proper of the convention have been all that was hoped for, the affair attracting the big men of the order through the country to the call of the Elks.

Perhaps one of the distinctive features that the visitor will remember is the big Carnival. Also, if the visitor had an eye for topography he probably was struck with the strikingly beautiful location of the show. First, the location is at the very axis of a great mass of colored people. Talk about your black belts, here's one. And think of it, the Paseo, part of a grand boulevard system, with votaries touching a larger portion of the city, splits this long black belt into halves, so that our people, being in closest proximity, have a perpetual joy of tree and flower; of broad green expanse; of play grounds, tennis courts, a racing course and other public utilities. Here, amid these happy surroundings, in this joyous atmosphere the Elks were highly entertained.

**RECEPTION PROGRAM.**  
Song—"America," by Audience.  
Invocation—Rev. E. W. Baete, Pastor of Second Baptist Church.

Selection—Choir of Second Baptist Church.  
Address of Welcome on Behalf of Kansas City—Mayor James Cowgill.  
Response—Hon. George F. McMechen, G. E. Ruler, Baltimore, Md.

Selection—Coleridge Taylor Glee Club, direction of N. Clarke Smith—(a) Melody, "Zion's Jubilee," N. C. Smith.  
(b) "Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray," N. C. Smith.  
(c) "The Viking Song," Coleridge Taylor.

Response—C. E. Corbett, E. R. Cosmopolitan, No. 247, Tulsa, Okla.  
Solo—Mrs. Emma Payne, daughter of Ruler Mid-West Temple No. 120, Address of Welcome on behalf of Twin Cities—Hon. Dorsey M. Green, Kansas City, Kas.

Response—Hon. Thos. W. Fleming, Alderman, Cleveland, Ohio.

Address of Welcome—Hon. Nelson C. Crows, Editor of Kansas City Sun.  
Response—J. Frank Wheaton, New York City.

Solo—Mrs. Bernia Ellis Perdue, Muskogee, Okla.  
Address of Welcome—Dr. Norene Davis, behalf of Mid-West Temple No. 120.

Response—Dr. Emma V. Kelly, Grand Secretary of Grand Temple, Norfolk, Virginia.

T. B. Watkins, Master of Ceremonies.

Greatest of All Parades.

In several noted features the parade of Tuesday was the greatest demonstration we have witnessed in these parts. Aside from the extraordinary length the parade was remarkable for the smoky uniforms worn by the marchers. If there was anything more remarkable than these, they were the men themselves. All the favorable types of the race were represented. The gay youth, the dandy, the hard laborer, marked in a visible way by roughened hand and other signs of physical exertion, the sport, soft skinned and with the rich air of luxury; the politician, sleek and smooth; the professional, the sober minded gentleman of enterprise the man who has "got his" and is ageing according to his iron gray hair, but whose step is springy with the elastic spirit of Hello Bill, the really Old Man, whose step is less springy but far more proud, it is grand because of the venerable air he creates as he ambles along. We say, all these march in the great riot of music furnished by tuneful bands. It is therefore a little unjust for some of us to say that the organization is made up of too light a timber, especially when a little investigation will prove that other organizations may be as fittingly censured for the same alleged fault.

But through the streets they go, all to the tune of blaring note. The men look exceptionally good, the women sweet and beautiful. All autos were nicely decorated, some extracted loud praises from the spectators by their fairy-like creation, one particular car was hidden in a mass of purple glow, cunningly tinged with white.

In the musically intense moments some of the more demonstrative marchers executed some ludicrous steps. The Drum Majors vied with one another in their gyrations while manipulating their directing sticks. The Gentleman from St. Louis is herewith extended the palm for out gyrating all the other gyrators.

Another big feature of the parade was the spectators themselves. Kansas City was out for a gala day and it was so. Thousands and thousands stood along the line of march. The complexion of the crowd naturally changed when the parade got to the downtown district. The absence of sneers and contempt is probably indicative of some progress in the estimation of others. As per schedule the parade ended at the Paseo, after having passed the reviewing stand of city officials. The day was climaxed by the

Grand Ball at Convention Hall.

This affair drew big. Society here was at its best. Opportunity for terpsichorean indulgence was offered. The offer was accepted by possibly four thousand people. Dame Fashion was brilliantly exploited this night by the many typed and vari-colored women, who danced and danced. Some of the ladies were notably gowned because of the scantiness of their apparel, others were notably gowned because of the scantiness of their apparel. All, however, looked "fetching." The men looked clever with variations in uniforms along with an occasional "evening dress." The whole scene reminded one of some court scene he sees in the movies, only the color of the characters run in the darker shades. The music was furnished by the famous "Eight Illinois band," who produced some spicy inspiration. So they danced till those hours when morn's harbingers was just beginning to filter through cloud, struggling to introduce the ever awaiting NEW DAY.

**ELECT GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.**

The officers elected follow: George W. F. McMechen, re-elected grand exalted ruler; Carry Trueheart of Atlantic City, esteemed leading knight; R. L. Dickson, Washington, D. C., esteemed loyal knight; John P. White, Richmond, Va., esteemed lecturing knight; George E. Bates, New York, re-elected grand secretary for the ninth consecutive year; James Carter, Richmond, Va., re-elected treasurer; Q. J. Gilmore of Kansas City, trustee. Boston was selected as the place of meeting for 1921.

Among the delegates to the National Convention of the Elks were: E. H. Hardeman and Charles Turner, Jones Valley Lodge No. 14, Birmingham, Ala.; J. Claude Peters, Indianapolis, Ind.; J. B. Coleman and R. Spencer, Camden, N. J.; Iva Hall, Exalted Ruler, Pride of Camden Lodge No. 38, and Wm. Parker, Past Exalted Ruler of Camden, N. J.; W. Green, 929 Wallace St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Augustine Brown, 292 W. Washington St., Mt. Holly, N. J.; C. Davis, 924 Wallace St., Philadelphia, Pa.; V. G. Lang, Washington, N. C.; Ernest Cutler and Chas. Userery, Greenville, N. C.; Alexander Jackson, Wm. A. Diggs and M. Marshall, Columbia Lodge No. 85, Washington, D. C.; also Mr. George Butler (the well known chef, Washington, D. C.); Henry White, Wilmington, Del.; Mildard Ulan, Charleston, W. Va.; Henry Johnson, Connellsville, Pa.; Geo. T. Banks, Atlantic City, N. J.; Chas. Westbrook, Atlanta, Ga.; H. F. Quander, Trenton, N. J.; I. Rhodes, Minneapolis, Minn.; Eugene Williams, Washington, D. C.; Isaac Bird, Washington, D. C.; A. Barney, St. Louis, Mo.; Geo. V. Tynes, Suffolk, Va.; John Tolliver, Indianapolis, Ind.; J. M. Cargyle, Stanley Gore, J. A. Williams and T. L. Jones, Atlanta, Ga.; H. Steptoe, Youngstown, Ohio; Fred Fisher, Akron, Ohio; M. Moses, Caperville, Va.; Edw. Lee, St. Louis, Mo.; Ira Hall, Camden, N. J.; N. B. Barnes, Philadelphia, Pa.; Wm. J. N. B. and John Long, Philadelphia, Pa.; H. W. Sexton, Photographer, St. Louis, Mo.; W. D. Crater, Minneapolis, Minn.; James A. Queen, Jr., New York City; Albert Branch, Atlantic, N. J.; Henry Smith, St. Louis, Mo.; P. B. Williams, Richmond, Va.; A. Gaines, Mgr. Vendome Theatre, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Willie Brown, Savannah, Ga.; Mrs. Piney Carpenter, Suffolk, Va.; Mrs. Louise Wallace, Grace Christian, Mollie Griggs, Susie Penick, Mary Corbin, M. E. Hodges and P. Young of Hampton, Va.; A. J. Todd, St. Paul, Minn.; W. T. Thurston, St. Paul, Minn.; Wm. A. Wynn, St. Louis, Mo.; A. W. Hughes, Wm. Prince, H. B. LeVell and Rufus Watkins, St. Louis, Mo.; M. Moses Caperville, Va.; Florence Wilkerson, St. Louis, Mo.; R. B. Cain, Hartford, Conn.; J. W. Baty, New Haven, Conn.; Geo. Palmer and Edward Clark, Cumberland, Md.; A. L. Moton, Exalted Ruler, J. P. Carter, Grand Treasurer, J. A. —ones, Sec'y., L. V. Eggleston, P. D. Williams, Founder, C. F. Hayes, Richmond Braxton, W. H. Roane, C. D. Griffiths, A. B. Hawkins, Jas. Griffin, Jas. Parker and Dr. H. Richmond, Va.

Those who subscribed for the "Sun" were: Z. Alexander, Charlotte, N. C.; L. E. Johnson, Springfield, Mass.; W. H. Powell, Winston-Salem, N. C.; John Green, New York City; C. V. Webb, Philadelphia, Pa.; George Butler, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Emma Harris, Detroit, Mich.; W. Clark, Cumberland, Md.; D. T. Baker, New Haven, Conn.; T. H. Anderson, Win-

ston-Salem, N. C.; R. W. Watt, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Mr. Ernest Jones, better known as "Big Boy," Police Officer and Drum Major of Elks' Band, of Lighthouse Lodge No. 9, Atlantic City, N. J., deserves special mention.



DR. J. R. A. CROSSLAND

the brilliant and eloquent political leader and orator of St. Joseph, Mo., who delivered a wonderful address which aroused his hearers to a high pitch of enthusiasm at the Women's Harding-Coolidge Club meeting last Monday night at Ebenezer church. Dr. Crossland will be heard in all sections of the country during the coming campaign, and predicts that Missouri will go Republican by 30,000 majority.

Eloquent addresses were delivered by Hon. Henry M. Beardsley, ex-Mayor of Kansas City, Dr. J. R. A. Crossland, ex-Minister to Liberia and a special representative of the National Committee, Col. George T. Wason, Mrs. H. W. Prince, president of the club, Mrs. M. F. Cook of the Women's Federation, and Prof. J. Silas Harris, a clerk in the United States Senate. At the conclusion of the meeting, ringing resolutions urging the Negroes of the nation to stand firmly by the Republican party were passed. Harding, Coolidge, Spencer, Hyde and Ellis were spoken of in the highest terms and warmly cheered by the magnificent audience that was present.

### Candidate Cox Failed to Mention Any Word of Praise for Negro Citizens

One-Tenth of the Entire Population of the United States Which Loaned One-Fifth of All It Possessed to Country Utterly Ignored by Democratic Party Candidate.

**PARTY BASED ON "NO RIGHTS NEED BE GIVEN COLORED MAN"**

Attitude of Democrats Reflected in Lack of Enthusiasm For Race Exhibited by Cox, Who Contents Himself with Making No Promises Whatever to Vast Army of Loyal Voters.

Chicago, August.—A Democratic promise, especially when made to the colored race, has ceased to be even a delusion and a snare. Since Woodrow Wilson's solemn promise made to Bishop Walters and twenty-five other distinguished colored citizens, in 1912, was allowed to subside into the realms of ordinary demagoguery, the promises of a Democratic candidate have grown so completely into contempt that they cease to be made.

Many thoughtful people are wondering why Governor Cox could not find a word of encouragement to say to the twelve million Negroes, who form one-tenth of the entire population of the country, who loaned one-fifth of all they possessed to the government in time of stress; among whom there was not a single "conscious objector" to the draft; who never furnished a single case for investigation in the espionage activities.

If Governor Cox felt a disposition to say such a word, he knew that it would be out of tune with the harmony of the Democratic party. Further than that, he knew if he said it nobody would believe it.

The Democratic party is founded primarily upon the conclusion that the black man has no rights that the Democratic party is bound to respect. This has been so clearly established that it has taken its place as the keystone of its foundation. Profiting by Woodrow Wilson's discomfiture after making a fair promise to the colored people in 1912, Governor Cox has probably pursued the line of least resistance by not making any promises to

### DR. ROBERT R. MOTON HEADS NATIONAL NEGRO BUSINESS LEAGUE.

Principal of Tuskegee Institute Re-elected President by Philadelphia Session.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 26.—Dr. Robert R. Moton, Principal of Tuskegee Institute was re-elected President of the National Negro Business League amid cheers and a most wonderful outburst of enthusiasm at the Friday morning session held in the Academy of Music. Wednesday evening Dr. Moton delivered his annual address which attracted keen attention and intense interest from all in attendance.

Speaking of the influence of the colored newspapers, Dr. Moton said: "They have worked against great odds with the greatest handicap and I sometimes fear, the least appreciation. We must stand behind them and strengthen them with subscriptions, advertisements and support. There should be at least one Negro newspaper in every Negro home of this country. Without such public support, our newspapers cannot expand or render the service that we expect of them. Besides subscriptions, Negro business must advertise in Negro papers. Advertising makes business, both for the advertiser and for the newspaper. The benefits are mutual, the co-operation should be mutual. Negro newspapers have given most loyal support to the government in all its publicity work in connection with the war program, and from a purely commercial angle, they have demonstrated that they can carry a message in an effective way to the twelve million Negroes of this country."

### H. BRADBURY ELECTED MEMBER OF STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

Mr. H. H. Bradbury of St. Louis, Mo., was elected a member of the State Central Committee from the twelfth congressional district. It is needless to say that with Mr. Bradbury's political experience and his loyalty to his race, that he will be a true representative. Mr. Bradbury is the only man of color on the committee.

### U. B. F. and S. M. T. Hold Grand Session

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The Most Worthy Grand Lodge of the United Brothers of Friendship and the Sisters of the Mysterious Ten held a splendid session in Hannibal, Mo., August 17-18-19-20-21. About eight hundred delegates, from various portions of the state were present, as well as a goodly number of members of the order who came to witness this Grand Session and learn more about the work and the method of carrying on same. It was one of the most enthusiastic meetings in the history of the organization. Dr. Gideon W. Brown, Grand Master, presided. The reports from all departments showed progress and gave general satisfaction. About \$71,000.00 was raised during the year from all sources. All obligations were paid and there was a balance of assets to the amount of \$30,000.

The Orphan Home Tax was increased from 20 cents to 35 cents. The delegates to the National Grand Lodge meeting in St. Paul, Minn., next July are: Dr. G. W. Brown, D. J. H. Williams, Dr. J. T. Caston. Alternates: Mr. C. H. Calloway, Prof. C. C. Hubbard, Mr. Duke Diggs. The Grand Lodge visited the Home in a body on Friday. The Home was found to



DR. GIDEON W. BROWN

one of Kansas City's most successful young physicians and surgeons, who was unanimously re-elected as Grand Master of the U. B. F. at its recent session in Hannibal, after reporting a most successful year.

be in splendid condition. Mr. Renfro and wife of Moberly, Mo., superintend the Home.

The following officers were elected: Grand Master—Dr. G. W. Brown, Kansas City.

### S. and D. of Jerusalem Hold Great Session

The Supreme Grand Council of the Order of Ancient Sons and Daughters of Jerusalem are having a most successful session at Cain Memorial A. M. E. church. A large number of delegates from all over the country are present, among them are: S. Diggs, Supreme Grand King; Col. T. Benton Robinson, S. G. S.; Sallie Ford, S. G. Queen Georgia W. Adams, S. G. Treasurer; Mrs. Mary Logan, Denver, Colo.; Rosa Rordon, Kansas City, Kansas; Leah Walker, Dorothy Grant, Kansas City, Kansas; Mrs. Nellie Hopkins, Marshall, Mo.; Mrs. Mollie Kincaid of this city; Fannie Calloway, Capt. St. Elmo Drill Team; Joe Williams, Mrs. Martha Flowers of Leavenworth, Kansas; Mrs. I. L. Branch, Omaha, Neb.; C. C. Ford, Leavenworth, Kansas.

The election of officers was held Thursday and all the old officers were re-elected with one or two minor exceptions.

On Friday the parade was held, marching from Independence avenue and Forest to 18th and Woodland.

Deputy Grand Master—Prof. G. W. Black, St. Joseph.  
Grand Secretary—Duke Diggs, Jefferson City.  
Assistant Grand Secretary—J. Goins, Kansas City.  
Grand Treasurer—Dr. J. H. Williams, Kansas City.  
Grand Chaplain—O. T. Redd, Kansas City.  
Grand Medical Registrar—Dr. J. E. Smith, Macon.  
Grand Senior Marshal—R. A. Davis, Grand Right Supporter—William G. Flinn, Jefferson City.  
Grand Left Support—R. E. Moton, Kansas City.  
Grand Inside Sentinel—S. H. Lampkins, Miami.  
Grand Outside Sentinel—W. S. Green, Nelson.  
Grand Sword Bearer—William Haywood, Lexington.  
Fourth Member of the Board—W. D. Gooden, Omaha, Neb.  
Trustee Board—D. E. Samuels, Columbia; W. W. Turk, Malta Bend; E. H. Reynolds, Jacksonville.  
Place of next annual meeting, Kansas City.

The Royal House and Temple both had harmonious sessions and the women present in goodly numbers. The officers elected were:

**ROYAL HOUSE.**  
Grand Noble King—Geo. Williams, Hannibal, Mo.  
Grand Excellent Queen—Luella D. Mills, Pilot Grove, Mo.  
Grand Excellent Scribe—Sarah Bartell, Kansas City, Kas.  
Grand Assistant Scribe—Laura J. Casey, St. Louis, Mo.  
Safe Keeper—Carrie Z. Tonsall, St. Louis, Mo.  
1st Maid of Honor—Willie May Stewart.  
Second Maid of Honor—Lucy Paey, Moberly.  
Grand High Priest—T. M. West, Moberly.  
Father Haghi—Paul Whitworth, Kansas City, Mo.  
Grand Herald—A. Hardin, Omaha, Neb.

**TEMPLE.**  
Grand Princess—L. Leota Caston, St. Louis, Mo.  
Vice Grand Princess—Bettie F. Johnson, St. Louis.  
Grand Secretary—Mary E. Bruce, Leavenworth, Kas.  
Assistant Grand Secretary—A. J. Abington, Plattsburg, Mo.  
Grand Treasurer—Ambrosia Viley, Huntsville, Mo.  
Grand Chaplain—Jesse Jones, St. Louis, Mo.  
Sr. Grand Marshal—Alice Cannon, St. Louis, Mo.  
Jr. Grand Marshal—Minnie Foster, Columbia, Mo.  
Grand Joshua—Dora Black, St. Joseph.  
Grand Villa—Lucy Paey, Moberly.  
Grand Pilot—Hattie Mason, Louisiana, Mo.

over a route through the Negro district and there the procession took cars for Highland cemetery where the beautiful monument to the late Jas. R. Gordon, founder of the Society was unveiled with befitting ceremonies.

The eulogy was delivered by Rev. Dr. Bowran of Kansas City, Kas. Remarks on the life of Sir Gordon by W. G. Mosely, while T. B. J. Robinson was Master of Ceremonies.

### HOLD 16 NEGROES AT PICK-POCKETS.

Sixteen negroes arrested yesterday and last night as pickpockets are being held at police headquarters. The police say negro pickpockets from all parts of the country were attracted here by the crowds attending the negro Elks' convention.

Prof. Woody E. Jacobs, formerly of the public schools of Kansas City, Kansas, who later was a member of the Faculty of Lincoln Institute, died in St. Louis, Mo., Monday, August 23. His funeral services were held Friday, August 27, in Richmond, Mo., his birthplace. Mr. Jacobs was in the real estate business in St. Louis.